

House Resolution 349

By: Representatives Peake of the 137th, Sellier of the 136th, and Freeman of the 140th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and service of Marine Sergeant Kelley L. Courtney and dedicating the Sgt.
2 Kelley L. Courtney Interchange; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Kelley L. Courtney was born and raised on Barfield Road in Bibb County,
4 Georgia, and never left home until he and his brother Donnie joined the United States Marine
5 Corps in 1998; and

6 WHEREAS, Kelley L. Courtney rose to the rank of sergeant and was an intelligence officer
7 who was assigned from the 3rd Intelligence Battalion of the III Marine Expeditionary Force
8 to augment the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit in Iraq and served as a counterintelligence
9 and human intelligence specialist; and

10 WHEREAS, on October 30, 2004, Sgt. Courtney was killed in action in Fallujah, Iraq; and

11 WHEREAS, Sgt. Courtney has been recognized by the Marines for the vital role he played
12 in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the protection and welfare of the citizens
13 of this nation by dedicating a building in his honor at Camp Hansen, Okinawa; and

14 WHEREAS, Sgt. Courtney diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his
15 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community, state, and nation; and

16 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
17 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his
18 nation earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

19 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
20 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and it is only fitting and proper that an
21 interchange should be named in his honor.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 GEORGIA that the members of this body honor the life and memory of Sergeant Kelley L.
3 Courtney for his dedicated service to and sacrifice for this state and nation.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the intersection of Hartley Bridge Road and I-75 in Bibb
5 County is dedicated as the Sgt. Kelley L. Courtney Interchange.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
7 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Sgt. Kelley L. Courtney
8 Interchange.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Sgt. Kelley L. Courtney
11 and to the Department of Transportation.